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February 11, 2016

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Regular Mail

Brandon Eskelson  
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West Jordan, Utah 84088

Subject: Division Directive to Submit Notice of Intention and Surety or to Reclaim, Brandon Eskelson, Unpermitted Operation in Timber Canyon, Duchesne County, Utah

Dear Mr. Eskelson:

Thank you for coming to the office of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining to discuss your mining operations in Timber Canyon. The site is considered a mine that needs to be permitted and bonded under the Mined Land Reclamation Act.

In the meeting held January 29, 2016, we discussed deadlines for submittal of a Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (Notice) and a reclamation surety. The Division had anticipated receiving a Notice by February 2, 2016, but instead had a voice message that it should be coming by February 9, 2016.

The Division has yet to receive a Notice or surety and is therefore issuing this directive. **By March 1, 2016, you are directed to:**

1. Submit a Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations for the operations in Timber Canyon. The form is available on the Division's web site at [http://linux3.ogm.utah.gov/WebStuff/wwwroot/minerals/permit\\_forms.html](http://linux3.ogm.utah.gov/WebStuff/wwwroot/minerals/permit_forms.html).
2. Submit a reclamation surety in the amount of at least \$8000.00 for a three-year escalation (next evaluated in February 2019). This may be in the form of a letter of credit, a surety bond, cash, or a certificate of deposit. Cash must be accompanied by a W9 form. Please contact the minerals program bonding coordinator, Penny Berry, at 801-538-5291 or by e mail at [pennyberry@utah.gov](mailto:pennyberry@utah.gov) for further information about submitting the surety.
3. Submit a reclamation contract. This form is available on the Division's web site at [https://fs.ogm.utah.gov/PUB/MINES/Minerals\\_Related/FORMS/MR-RC-SMO.pdf](https://fs.ogm.utah.gov/PUB/MINES/Minerals_Related/FORMS/MR-RC-SMO.pdf).